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SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR PROMOTION OF JUTE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced a special package to promote the Jute Industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose during Eleventh Plan Period; and

(c)the further steps being taken by the Government to revamp the Jute Industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (b) : Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Textiles has launched the Jute Technology Mission (JTM), w.e.f. 2007-08 for a period of five years to promote the jute industry in the country. An amount of Rs 355.55 Crores has been allocated for the implementation of the schemes for the Mini Mission I to IV of the Jute Technology Mission during Eleventh Plan Period. The schemes of the Mini Mission I & II are being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and the schemes of the Mini Mission-III & IV are being implemented by the Ministry of Textiles. The fund allocation to all four Mini Missions are as given below :

Missions	Implementing Agency	Outlay(Rs crores)
MM-I	Deptt of Agricultural Research & Education	70.5
MM-II	Deptt of Agriculture & Cooperation	49.90
MM-III	Ministry of Textiles	38.60
MM-IV	Ministry of Textiles	260.00

(c) : Ministry of Textiles, through Mini Mission-III and Mini Mission-IV is executing schemes for Development of Marketing Infrastructure in Jute, Schemes for Modernisation of Jute Mills, and Schemes for Promotion of Jute Diversification.
Apart from the Jute Technology Mission Schemes, the Government of India provides support to Jute Industry through reservation of packing certain commodities in Jute. During the year 2007-08, foodgrains and sugar were reserved 100%. In addition, Jute Manufactures Development Council through collection of Jute Cess, assists the Industry in Export and Marketing of Jute Products and explore avenues for new markets.